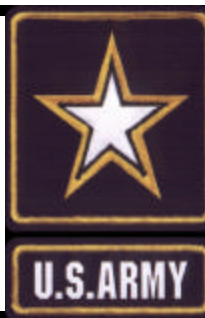


New Orleans Recruiting Battalion

Tee Lagniappe

French for a "Little Something Extra"



LTC Samuel Clear assumes command of New Orleans Recruiting Battalion in a ceremony held at the NSA.

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**FROM THE EDITOR:
EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL**

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the men and women, soldiers and civilians of the Gator Battalion for welcoming me back. I am honored to work with such great soldiers and civilians! I continue to look forward to working with each and every one of you.

This is an exciting time in our battalion. We have a new BLT, S3, two company commanders and two First Sergeants. We also opened up two new stations (Lafayette North and Jennings), moved Baker to Zachary and moved Houma to New Orleans company.

One thing that hasn't changed is our mission...it is as tough as ever. I offer a reminder to use your combat multipliers; DEP / COI functions, TAIR and ADSW. These are great ways to create new leads and sustain existing DEP's.

With this being my first contribution in the *Tee* I would like to challenge every recruiter in the field to become contributors yourselves. Every station has a story, whether you realize it or not. This could be a large event or fair in your area. But it can also be the little things, like sponsoring or participating in youth groups, civic organizations or small community events. Even the rivalry between recruiting stations and recruiters is interesting. Most of you have seen the recruiting "battle" constantly being waged among the stations.

Maybe you have a story to tell.



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From Gator Six

Soldiers, civilians, family members and friends of the New Orleans Recruiting Battalion ... how are you doing out there in “Gator” land?

We have survived a very tough period as our great Army liberated the people of Iraq. We have weathered the storm and are postured to make a move.

I appreciate all your hard work and dedicated efforts; we are making major strides in our move to the band of excellence and to the top of “Mission Box Hill.” See you on the high ground!

By the time you read this we will have completed our battalion organization day. In the future we will do a better job with scheduling this event to ensure that all members of the Gator Family can take part in this event.

“If you ain’t a Gator, you’re Gator Bait!”

Gator Six Out

Biography

LTC Samuel Clear is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry from Iowa State University in May of 1984. In May 2002 he graduated with honors from Webster University receiving a Masters of Art degree in Business Management.

LTC Clear’s assignments include a variety of infantry and staff officer positions. His first assignment was with the 1st battalion, 13th Infantry, Baumholder Germany as a rifle platoon leader, anti-tank platoon leader, and company executive officer. His following assignment was with the 1st battalion 87th Infantry, Fort Drum New York, as battalion adjutant, commander Bravo Company, and commander Headquarters and Headquarters Company. After company command, he was assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, LA. There he served as brigade S1 Observer/Controller (O/C), brigade S4 O/C, air operations officer, Intermediate Staging Base (ISB) commandant, and battalion assis-

tant operations O/C. Upon completion of Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There he served eleven months as the regiment S4 and twenty-five months as battalion Executive Officer, 2nd battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. His last assignment was with Joint Task Force – Six (JTF-6) at Fort Bliss, Texas; there he served as J3 operations officer, J3 operations team chief and Deputy J-3.

LTC Clear’s military education includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses at Fort Benning Georgia; the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the Joint Professional Military Education Course at Norfolk, Virginia.

LTC Clear is married to the former Frieda A. Davis of East ST Louis, IL; they have two children, thirteen-year-old twin boys, Brandon and Byron.



Change of Command Color Guard comprised of SFC Todd, SFC Wallace, SFC Spence, SFC Gonzales and SSG Bryant all assigned to battalion staff.

Family Support News

USAREC Announces new on-line assistance program

Faye Ferran - Family Support Coordinator:

Effective 1 February 2003, USAREC soldiers and family members have a new "Problem Solving" service available to them. The U.S. Army Accessions Command has contracted with Employees Assistance Program Consultants (EAP), to provide assistance at no cost to the soldier or family member.

EAP Consultants provides outstanding, comprehensive employee assistance and work/life services.

Online EAP services include HELPNET, whose interactive programs help users create a personalized path to change and self improvement. HELPNET addresses a wide range of topics focusing on mental health, personal development, work/life and management skills. The service provides online information, telephonic consultation and face to face counseling to assist soldiers and family members with day to day issues and problems. The counseling appointments are scheduled with a professional counselor in your area.

Members receive up to four counseling sessions for each separate issue or problem. The "Member Access" portion of the web site is password protected.

Contact the Battalion Soldier and Family Assistance Manager at 1-800-790-0963, ext 54 for further information.

Consultation and counseling is confidential, but you are asked to verify the name of your unit when calling to request an appointment. They also offer online Legal/Financial Library with numerous articles on important legal and financial matters as well as samples of legal documents.

Concerned with family, work, health or money? HelpNet makes life easier

The battalion family support chain is alive and well. We are supported by wonderful ladies who are very capable of assisting families when trouble arise.

The family support reps are; Mealine Kynard and D'Andrea Chatman, Baton Rouge Company, Mrs. Juan Scott, New Orleans Company, Mrs. Tori Moore, Monroe Company, Mrs. Morris, Shreveport Company and Mrs. Troy Johnson, Karen Nichols and Paula Rutland Lafayette.

We have a family support conference in May. I will update you on changes with Tri-care and other support issues.

Here are 10 things you can do daily to improve your mental health:

- Value yourself
- Take care of your body
- Relax
- Set realistic goals
- Explore your interest
- Laugh and have fun
- Help others
- Surround yourself with good people
- Avoid drugs and limit alcohol
- Get help when you need it

Until next quarter...good recruiting.

Please send request for future Family Support Group articles to Faye Ferran at e-mail: Faye.ferran@usarec.army.mil

2ND QUARTER AWARD WINNERS

JANUARY

RECRUITER RING

SSG Scottie Le Blanc
Houma

SAPHIRES

SFC Brian Amirault 3rd
Natchez
SFC Andrew Dozier 2nd
Lafayette North
SFC David Adams 2nd
Gretna
SSG Neil Glover 2nd
Gonzales
SFC Rosalind Johnson 1st
New Orleans East

GOLD BADGE

SGT Bobby Stanovich
Slidell

FEBUARY

RECRUITER RING

No recipients

SAPHIRES

SSG Marcus Wright 2nd
Natchitoches
SSG Charles Morelli 2nd
Baton Rouge South
SSG Charlie Williams 1st
Crowley
SGT Cletious Pope 1st
Lake Charles

GOLD BADGE

SGT Richard Tyner
Houma
SSG Jopond Crosley
Baton Rouge Main

MARCH

RECRUITER RING

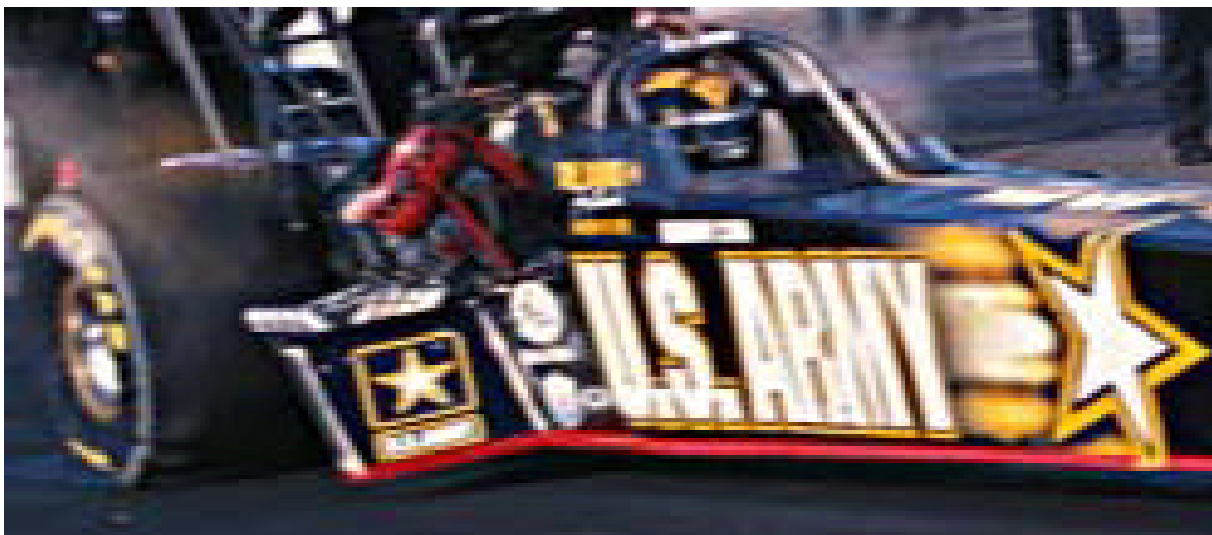
SFC Eric Lea
Lafayette
SSG Franklin Miller
Hammond

SAPHIRES

SSG Marcus Wright 3rd
Natchitoches
SSG Charles McGoogan 2nd
Laplace
SSG Rosella Scott 1st
Bossier City

GOLD BADGE

SSG John Luman
Slidell
SSG Gerald Valenzuela
Natchitoches
SSG Tania Oneal
Metairie
SGT Terrence Dumas
Lafayette



TOP GATORS 2nd QTR

TOP RECRUITERS

SSG William Brown RA
SFC Rodney Griffin USAR
SSG Larry Tape USAR

Top New Recruiter

SFC Chancellor

TOP STATIONS

Houma LPSC
Natchitoches OP

TOP MILITARY

SFC Donald Bryant

TOP COMPANY

Baton Rouge

Top Counselor

SFC Russell Mason

TOP CIVILIAN

Ms. Fay Ferran

Gator Personnel Actions

PROMOTIONS

1SG Troy Johnson
SFC Donald Bryant
SFC Troy Hubbs
SFC Tasha Todd
SPC Ayanna Taplette

HAIL

CPT Fred Philipp



RETIREMENTS

SFC William Duncan
SFC Montero Minor

FAREWELL

SFC Dwight Washington
SFC Celisa Bowie
SFC Roosevelt Pierre
SFC Paul Deihl
SFC Sidney Smith
SFC Clark Brazil
SSG Mickey Saffold
SSG Jerry Wood
SSG Willie Thomas
SSG Sammie Carithers
SSG Jeffery Hodnett
SGT Jon Everette

REENLISTMENTS

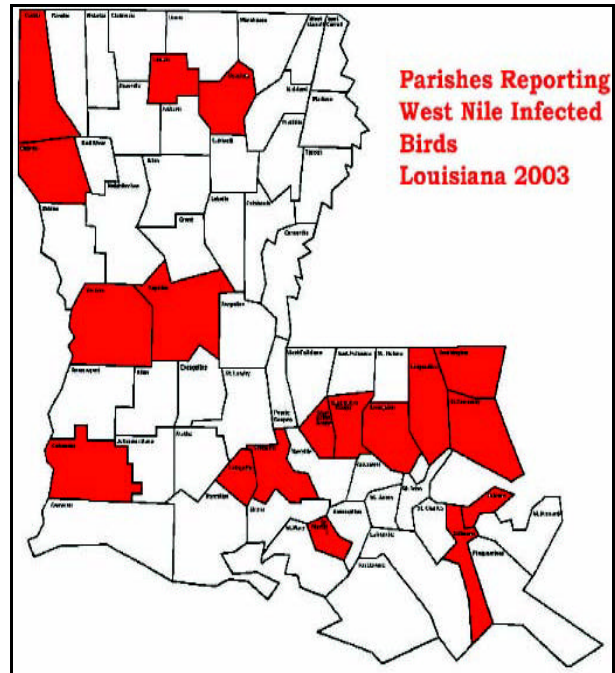
1SG Troy Johnson
SFC Samuel Chatman
SFC Sean Isaac
SSG James Smith
SSG Michael Wofford
SSG Robert Pable



Mosquitoes & West Nile Virus

“Stop the Bite” SFC Gautreau

Already this year Office of Public Health officials are reporting West Nile Virus cases found in dead birds around the state of Louisiana. According to the OPH, Members of the New Orleans Army Recruiting Battalion and their families can take some simple steps to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes. First and foremost is the eradication of mosquito breeding areas around your homes. According to The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health, Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Even a small bucket that has stagnant water in it for seven days can become home to up to 1,000 mosquitoes. Here are some easy tips to eliminate standing water: Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water



holding containers that have accumulated on your property. Do not overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation. Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have accumulated on your property. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left out of doors. Drainage holes that are located on the container sides collect enough water for mosquitoes to breed in. Clean clogged roof gutters on an annual basis, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Roof gutters are easily overlooked but can produce millions of mosquitoes each season. Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. A wading pool becomes a mosquito producer if it is not used on a regular basis. Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in bird-baths. Both provide breeding habitat for domestic mosquitoes. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. A swimming pool that is left untended by a family that goes on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Be aware that mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on swimming pool covers. Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will develop in any puddle that lasts for more than four days”.

Louisiana's West Nile Virus Surveillance Program



For more info on WNV go to www.opd.dhh.state.la.us then click on West Nile Virus info

“We Were Soldiers”

One of the opening scenes in the movie is of Mel Gibson's character meeting his soldiers at the airfield. Lieutenant Colonel Hal Moore (Gibson) interrupts a softball game to talk to Major Crandall (Craig Kenealy). Click on slow motion. As the colonel hands a beer to his new Major, look closely behind them. There is a soldier crawling under a helicopter. This is SSG Michael Croft from Metairie Recruiting Station's three seconds of fame. While assigned to HHC 1st Bn. 30th INF Ft. Benning, SSG Croft ran into the casting director while at the post bowling alley with a friend. The soldiers were able to get on the list being

created of those who would be given the opportunity to work on the making of the movie “We were Soldiers”, as a trainer and an extra. Those working with the crew were paid \$100.00 every day they worked, according to SSG Croft. He worked with many of the actors and actresses during their military training for the movie. SSG Croft says all the actors were in great shape and hung right in with the soldiers on road marches and runs. According to SSG Croft, he enjoyed working with actor Sam Elliott who portrays Sergeant Major Plumley. “He is a very down to earth kind of guy and very friendly” says Croft.



SSG Michael Croft (top row second from left) of the Metairie recruiting station seen here with “We Were Soldiers” director Randall Wallace (top center), Sam Elliott (Sergeant Major Plumley, top fourth from right), Mark Blucas (Lieutenant Herrick, white tee shirt) and an assortment of active duty soldiers. The picture was taken



SSG Croft is pictured below in a screen shot from the movie. You can see his head just above the tool box at the bottom of the photo.



SSG Croft in period uniform poses for a photo op with actress Keri Russell who portrayed the wife of Lieutenant Geoghegan.

GRAND OPENING

Lafayette North Recruiting Station



The Lafayette Company Leadership Team, Captain John Wimberly and First Sergeant Troy Johnson, assist SFC Dozier the station commander in a ribbon cutting ceremony as community leaders and Recruiters look on.



The U.S. Army's Touring NASCAR replica was a last minute addition to the event. Parked in front of the station during grand opening activities, The car was an instant success drawing the attention of many.



As the grand opening ceremony comes to an end, First Sergeant Troy Johnson and SFC Andrew Dozier discuss the successes of the event. According to SFC Andrew Dozier, the station secured two active Army contracts directly from the grand opening event.

“Wolf Pack”